I CLAIM:

- 7. An apparatus for producing compost tea comprising:
- a tank of aqueous solution;

an extraction basket positioned over the tank to permit flow-through from this basket to be collected into the tank;

- a fluid conduit having a first end submerged at the bottom end of the tank, and a second end positioned over the extraction basket; and
- a compressed air supply operatively connected to the bottom portion of the conduit to force the aqueous solution up through the conduit.
- 10 8. An apparatus of Claim 7 wherein the compressed air supply further comprises a throttle means.
 - 9. A method for producing compost tea comprising: placing compost in an extraction basket;

positioning the extraction basket over a tank to permit flow through from the basket into the tank;

introducing an aqueous solution into the tank;

positioning a fluid conduit having first and second ends, the fluid conduit having a

first end submerged at the bottom of the tank, and a second end positioned to impinge
on the compost in the extraction basket; and

- supplying compressed air to the bottom portion of the conduit to force aqueous solution up through the conduit and into the extraction basket.
 - 10. A method of Claim 9 further comprising adding nutrient to the aqueous solution.
 - 11. A method of Claim 10 wherein the nutrient comprises sugar.

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